

From the Wardroom

We had a great January meeting! For those that didn't make it; we had the honor of having Jim Foote the Senior National vice Commander at the meeting. Jim gave us a run down on what was happening on the national level.

The national membership is reaching the 12,000-member level, with 11,465 members at the date of our meeting. We should reach that by the convention date. Jim briefed us on the Charitable Foundation and its five charitable funds. He also announced that the scholarship applications are due for those that wish to apply for support from the Charitable Foundation. Please get in touch with Ed Brooks, Dave Harnish or myself if you have a son or daughter that could use some help with the foundation.

We are still in need of finding a home inside, or under-a-roof, for our prize-winning float. If any one could help us with this, please step up. The canvas is doing a great job but the float needs to be out of the weather. We have several commitments for the float this year besides our Veterans Day Parade. First appearance is in Yamell in May, followed by Heber-Overgaard for the Fourth of July weekend.

Shipmate Dick Caraker suggested that the price we are paying for lunch was inadequate, based on the quality of the food provided. Where upon shipmate Stan Reinhold donated a portion of the funds to the Base Treasury as he had done at the previous meeting. BRAVO ZULU to you Stan, we do thank you for your efforts, along with enjoying your great lunch.

Election for your new Base officers is around the corner, please step up. Help your Base by getting involved. It is your input and ideas that will keep us moving in the right directions. Nominations and electing new officers will take place at the March meeting.

We are looking for shipmates to help out at the various Veterans hospitals. Vice Commander Tim Moore, has a list of needs for the Arizona Veterans home. If you have some time to spare, why not help our veterans in need?

Fraternally Yours,
Glenn Herold, commander, Perch Base



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January Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans B Perch Base was convened at American Legion Post #62 Peoria, AZ at 1305 hours, 15 January 2005. The meeting was called to order by the Base Commander – Glenn Herold.

The "Call to Order" was followed by a prayer of Invocation, the "Pledge of Allegiance", a reading of the "Purpose of the Organization", the Dedication, a Moment of Silence for our departed shipmates and the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony.

According to the sailing list, there were forty-four (44) members and guests at the meeting. Those present welcomed new members and guests – Bill Sherman, Mike Murphy and Stan Reinhold's father, Donald Reinhold. Each of the new members and guest stood, introduced themselves and summarized their service in or involvement with the Submarine Service. They were then given a resounding welcome from the members.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the December meeting be approved as published in the Base Newsletter, "The MidWatch." The motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer, Robert May, reported the Base's financial status as of the first day of January, 2005.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Base Vice Commander

Tim Moore, reported that he has sent letters to the Veteran's Administration (VA) Hospital and the Arizona Veteran's Home to inquire how we as an organization might help support their volunteer base. A reply has been received from the Arizona Veteran's Home indicating that they need volunteers to help with bingo, movies, card games, birthday parties and casino nights. Tim also introduced Eagle Scout Candidate Jeremiah Lange and his father Charles. Jeremiah briefed the members on his Eagle Scout Project, the goal of which is to train Boy Scouts and others to play Taps at funeral ceremonies of deceased veterans. This will supplement the waning numbers of buglers available for such events.

Ed Brooks then took the floor to brief the members on the plan for a memorial ceremony to honor Perch Base Members who have departed on eternal patrol during the Base's first 10 years. Ed prepared a written program whereby, a prayer is offered and each deceased member's name is read aloud. The ceremony would be concluded by Jeremiah or one of his trainees playing Taps. Jeremiah was invited to

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the meeting of February 19 meeting when the ceremony will be performed.

Base Chief of the Boat – Bob Gilmore had nothing new to report.

Base Chaplain – Howard Doyle reported that Shipmate James (Jim) Newman is recovering from heart surgery. He is out of the hospital and recovering at home. Jim has asked that the funds normally spent to buy flowers for occasions such as this, be donated to the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation instead of flowers. Howard also reported that Shipmate Jack McCarthy has undergone back surgery and we should think of him in our prayers as he strives to recover. It was also reported that Shipmate Dale Martin is still in the hospital and needs our prayers and well wishes.

Membership Chairman and WebMaster – Ramon Samson reported that membership renewals (dues payments) are currently at 75% and still coming in. Our goal is 100% for this year. The base lost several members to the Arizona Base expansions, but the losses associated with that have been replaced with new members. Ray reported that the Web Site is now 4 years old and more than 7,000 people have taken advantage of the site. Otherwise, there have been no recent changes to the Site.

OLD BUSINESS

Glenn Herold asked the members for revenue producing suggestions. Many of the members offered suggestions, including yard sale type events, casino trips, etc. After a lengthy discussion, it was resolved that the Base Revenue Committee be converted from an Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Committee to pursue and plan revenue producing events and procedures. The Base Revenue Committee chaired by Jim Denzien agreed to accept the challenge and become a Standing Committee.

Glenn again asked members to help search for another location and/or method for storing the Perch Parade Float. An indoor storage location is essential if we are to keep the float in good condition.

Glenn Herold announced that it was time to make a decision regarding the location for the 2005 Perch Base Christmas Party. The members were asked to suggest any alternatives they might have for the party's location. Receiving none, a motion was made and seconded that the 2005 Christmas Party be held at the Luke AFB EM Club.

Glenn also reminded the members of the USSVI National Convention to be held in Kansas City between August 29 and September 4, 2005.

Dave Harnish reported that a determination has been made that a USSVI District 8 meeting in Phoenix, during the Month of April, would be too expensive to the participants. As a result, those plans have been scuttled. District Commander, Lief Larsen is in the process of checking with other Bases

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in the District to locate another site for the meeting. An announcement will be forthcoming.

Shipmate Dick Caraker suggested that the price we are paying for lunch is probably inadequate, based on the quality of the food provided. Whereupon, Shipmate Stan Reinhold donated a portion of the funds he received from the members, to the Base Treasury. The members exhibited their appreciation with a resounding round of applause for Stan's generosity and expertise.

Kenny Wayne took the floor to thank the members who have contributed to the USSV Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund. Kenny apprised the members that two of his daughters have received support from the Scholarship Fund and he is thankful for that help.

NEW BUSINESS

Glenn Herold announced that the Base would form an Annual Picnic Committee to plan this year's Base Picnic. Volunteers included Stan Reinhold, Bob Gilmore and Glenn Herold. This committee will decide the location, date and time, bill of fare and per person cost for the picnic.

Glenn Herold announced that Perch Base would be participating in the Yarnell Days spring festival and parade. Shipmate Kenny Wayne reported that the festival would take place the third weekend of May.

Ray Samson reported that the new USSVI dues schedule has been posted on the National Organization's Web Site. A link is available from the Perch Base Web Site to the National Web Site.

Glenn indicated that he had received numerous requests that the Bases within the Arizona SubVet Community to hold a joint get together somewhere in the State. Jack Messersmith (Gudgeon Base Commander) had suggested that a possible location and event would be a trip on the vintage Verde Valley railway, which makes a round trip from Clarkdale to Perkinsville and back. The trip is very scenic, as the vintage train travels along the Verde River. Glenn asked for any other suggestions or recommendations regarding such an event.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jim Foote (USSVI Senior vice Commander) was asked to present a hand-carved replica of the Submariner's Dolphins to Shipmate Jim Edwards. The dolphins were a form of appreciation for Jim's contribution to the 2003/2004 fund drive for the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation.

Jim Foote also reported on the status of the USSVI national organization. Jim indicated that national membership is now at 11,465. Although the dues increase to members was necessary, the organization is yet to see any ill effects from the increase. Jim also briefed the members on the US Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation and its 5 Charitable Funds. He indicated that the Scholarship Committee awarded six \$1,000 scholarship grants and eighteen \$750 grants in 2004. In addition \$8,000 was disbursed from the Foundation to the Sharing and Caring Fund for active duty submarine families in need.

Jim also announced that scholarship applications are due for those that wish to apply for support from the Charitable Foundation.

Shipmate Dick Caraker announced that the Southwest Caucus of the US Submarine Veterans of WWII will be held on April 11, through April 14.

50/50 DRAWING

The 50/50 drawing was held and Adrian Stuke was the lucky winner.

ADJOURNMENT

All the outstanding business being concluded, it was moved and seconded that the meeting of the Arizona Submarine Veterans - Perch Base be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

The closing prayer was offered by Joe Bernard and the meeting was adjourned at 1414 hours.

Edgar T. Brooks B Base Secretary)



Nautical Nuances
or,
Did You Know?

For entertainment on U.S. submarines movies, television, ice cream machines and stereo music players are available. The USS SEAWOLF also had an electronic organ. There have been instances of boxing matches held onboard, and the crew of one submarine had a kite flying contest from an anchored submarine.

From Beyond the Wardroom **Perch Base SubVettes**

We had a great meeting last month. Thank you all for coming, especially our two new members, Laurie Sherman & Juanedda Walker.

I hope you are all thinking about running for an office. New blood on the Board is always a good thing. Make sure one of our Election Committee – Kathryn, Jackie or Heather get you name and the office you would like to hold. We will take all nominations at our next meeting on February 19 at **Der Kaffe Kuchen** at 12PM. Elections will be held at our March meeting.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please be prepared to do so at the meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH BABIES

Sandi Prophet – 3/1

Betty Long – 3/10

Iris Vaillancourt – 3/13

Karen Emmett – 3/14

Debbie Newell 3/28

Brandi Hershey – 3/31

Till we meet again,

Nancy Nelson, president, SubVettes of Perch Base

SUBVETTES MEETING **MINUTES** **January Meeting**

The thirteenth monthly meeting of the SubVettes of Perch Base was convened at Der Kaffe Kuchen, Peoria, Arizona at 1319 hours, Jan. 15, 2005. There were 17 members and two guests in attendance. President Nancy Nelson led members in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Prayer of Invocation given by Chaplain Sandy Bernard.

Nancy then asked all members to be sure to sign in and announced that a dolphin plate and holder was the item being raffled at today's meeting and encouraged members who had not done so already, to purchase tickets for this raffle.

Nancy then introduced Joanne Foote, the First Mate of the USSVI National Senior vice Commander and thanked her for taking the time to join us at our meeting.

Vice President Kay Hamish reported on the Christmas/Hanukkah party held in December and let members know that Nancy Nelson was presented with a holiday candy dish (candy included) from the SubVettes for all of her dedication and hard work.

Since there was no meeting in December, there were no Minutes to approve.